



City of Seat Pleasant

Office of the City Administrator

A SMART CITY OF EXCELLENCE

“Seat Pleasant offers Smart City Services that are better, faster and personalized making it a City for me using information and communication technology, with the internet of things”

Department Name: POLICE

Date of Report: 12/29/2016

Reporting Period: November 22nd through December 29th 2016

Summarize significant department progress for the reporting period that is indicative of providing services that are better, faster and personalized.

On October 3rd, the Police Department began making operational improvements, organizational re-structuring, and strategic community engagement efforts to provide better services to our residents and community. As we continue these efforts into our 90 day period we continue to make significant strides in high visibility patrols, community engagement and fostering a relationship with our area schools and children through engaging, empowering, and education.

A few weeks ago Chief Martin initiated the Safe & Smart Streets Campaign, which is aimed to improving the public safety of our city with the use of safe and smart initiatives to include crime and data mapping. With the improvements to the officer's work schedule and the overtime crime suppression details we have been able to combat some of the public safety issues plaguing our City. Some of the accomplishments of this increased visibility and having additional man power are;

- On December 2nd the department arrested a male subject for possession of a firearm at 85 Yost Place. During overtime patrols Chief Martin came upon a vehicle idling in the parking lot on Yost Place occupied by a male and female. Upon further investigation a loaded firearm was found in the vehicle. The suspect was taken into custody for possession of a firearm and is awaiting trial.
- On December 8th, Mayor Eugene W. Grant had the pleasure of swearing in two (2) new Reserve Police Officers to the department force. Sergeant Robert J. Ploof who will oversee the reserve division and Officer John O'Connor the newest member to the unit.
- On December 10th our officers and jurisdictions from around Prince George's County participated in the annual "Santa with a badge" event. This event provides an opportunity for disadvantaged young people from different municipalities to spend the day shopping and socializing with officers. Our department had one of the largest participation of officers who all donated their time and money to spread the joy of the holiday season.

- On December 13th a department wide training day was held at the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission gun range for all sworn personnel. An outside firearms instructor was brought in to ensure each officer is proficient in the use of his/her handgun as well as qualify in the use of the departments new Bennelli shot guns obtained through a trade-in program by our partner supplier A1 Uniform Sales, Inc. This is one of the many efforts to ensure that the Seat Pleasant Police Department is a world-class department.
- On December 15th the department attended along with the entire City's Executive Management Team a meeting with the Governor's office to go over our new Smart City plan and what is needed from the state to assist in the development of Seat Pleasant. The meeting was very successful for the entire City including the Police Department who was able to speak with the Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to briefly discuss our financial needs and assistance needed from the state to combat some of the public safety issue within our community.
- On Tuesday, December 20th a mandatory staff meeting was held for all sworn police department personnel. This meeting was to discuss implementation of property/evidence procedures, vehicle inspections, daily log sheets, statistical tracking, and how part time request will work outside the City going forward.
- On December 22nd officers on routine patrol came upon a suspicious occupied vehicle in the 800-block of Booker Drive. Officers advised smoke was emitting from the vehicle and the smell of marijuana. Officers approached the vehicle and found a male subject inside. Upon further investigation a loaded handgun was found inside the vehicle. After running the males identifying information communications was able to inform the officers that this subject is known for being violent and possessing a firearm. These efforts have led to the record number (21) of handguns and rifles recovered from our city.
- During the course of this reporting period our Officers were able to impound (41) vehicles utilizing the smart technology employed on one of our cruisers as well as the stationary readers placed throughout the City by Prince George's County. Our cooperative partnership with the County allows us access to these stationary readers enabling us to pin point vehicles and license plates that maybe stolen, unregistered, and or suspended due to form of a vehicle violation. Most of these impounds occurred during the saturation patrol events scheduled each weekend to increase police visibility over and deter crime over the holiday season.

Analyze department improvements that are needed and/or achieved based on the Smart City model.

The department was able to gain (2) additional positions for the automated speed enforcement program with the support of the Mayor and Members of the City Council. These officers will be utilized to manage the automated speed enforcement program, traffic enforcement, and supplement our patrol division when needed. These officers will utilize smart technology and the internet of things to analyze the traffic, speed, and public safety within the City and enforce the current laws. (1) of the Officers will be beginning in early January to help implement this new program and take over administration of the automated speed camera system, thus eliminating the countless man hours being used by the patrol division to approve and monitor speed camera systems.

On November 28th the entire department participated in TASER body camera training. A new smart technology being introduced to the department to hold both citizens and officers accountable for their actions in the field.

Indicate problems identified, barriers encountered and solutions reached.

Department leadership has identified some barriers with regards to the way the department stores and processes evidence, personal property of defendants & victims, and departmental property. After analyzing the facts, policies, and procedures it has been determined that new policies will be implemented with the processing of firearms and CDS (control dangerous substances). The departmental property and evidence will be split between (2) separate secure rooms. This will allow for better accountability and ensuring of integrity of our evidence processes.

Identify goals for the next reporting period.

Goal: Increase in reviewing and rewriting the department's general orders.

Goal: Implementation of the Department property and evidence room and new standards.

Goal: Implementation and design of the new department COPS plan.

Goal: Implementation of department daily task and goal system. This will improve the accountability of the department administrative staff.

Supporting Documentation: Source: Office of the City Treasurer

Revenue

FY <u>16</u> Budget (Previous Year)	FY <u>17</u> Budget (Current Year)	FY <u>17</u> Actual (Current Year)
Information not Provided at time of report.	Information not Provided at time of report.	Information not Provided at time of report.

Expenditures

FY <u>16</u> Budget (Previous Year)	FY <u>17</u> Budget (Current Year)	FY <u>17</u> Actual (Current Year)
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Attachments:



November 28, 2016 – TASER Body Camera Training Day



December 8, 2016 – Reserve Officer Swearing-In Ceremony



December 10th – Operation Santa with a Badge



December 10th – Operation Santa with a Badge



December 13, 2016 – Department Wide Range Training Day



December 15, 2016 – Chief Martin posed for a selfie with w/Councilmember McCarthy (Public Safety Chair) after our City presentation to members of the State of Maryland



December 22, 2016 – Gun Arrest